THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

'हरारे पीपल्स कन्वेंशन' के साथ बातचीत

2808. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बातचीत द्वारा राजनीतिक समाधान निकालने के लिए 'हरारे पीपल्स कन्वेंशन' के साथ कोई चर्चा की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार की इस संबंध में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० भाटिया) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

"US General commits Himalayan Blunder"

2809. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the newsitem captioned "U.S. General commits Himalayan blunder" appearing in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi dated the 17th February, 1994;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to countenance the pro-Pakistan proclivities of the U.S. Defence Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's position that Jammu & Kashmir is and shall remain an inalienable and integral part of the Indian Republic is well known. Government consider that Pakistan, through aggression, has illegally occupied a part of Jammu & Kashmir. Government have conveyed concern on several occasions about the effect on India's security environment of the transfer of weapons from the US to Pakistan as reported to have been mooted by the General in question. Defence contacts between India and the US, uch as personnel exchanges, high level visits an information exchange, are conducted on a regular basis with a view to enhancing understanding of India's position and concerns.

Permission to restart Coca Cola in the country

2810. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coca Cola has been given permission to restart its operations in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that instead of setting up its own plants and making much needed foreign investment, Coca Cola has opted to outrightly purchase Parle Company manufacturing soft drinks in the country;

(c) whether prior permission of Government/Reserve Bank of India was obtained by Coca Cola;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take against the said Company;

(e) what would be the fate of Parle Soft Drink brands already available in the country;

(f) whether Coca Gola propose to introduce its own foreign brand names for which the permission was not given to PEPSI;